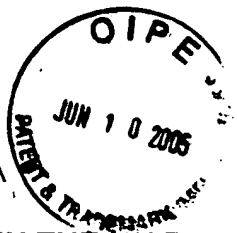


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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

In the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance ("Statement"), the Examiner has listed certain elements which are neither taught nor suggested by the prior art of record. Applicants note that certain of the allowable claims do not contain any of the elements listed by the Examiner. Applicants therefore respectfully disagree with the Examiner's Statement to the extent it implies that certain unrecited elements are required by certain claims.

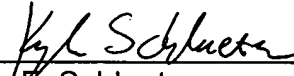
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The Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance is the personal opinion of the Examiner as to why the claims are allowable, and should not create an estoppel with respect to future claim construction. See MPEP 1302.14.

Respectfully submitted,

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